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PATENT APPLICATION

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Attorney Docket No: 13145US01

PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Kevin Colbow, Monica Kaila, Jiujun Zhang, Jens Müller and Gustav Boehm

Title: METHOD OF IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF A DIRECT FEED FUEL CELL

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a:

This application is a:

☒ utility patent.

☐ continuation

☐ design patent.

☐ divisional

☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)

2. Application Papers Enclosed

— Title Page

20 Pages of Written Description (excluding Claims, Abstract & Drawings)

7 Page(s) of Claims (1-30)

1 Page(s) of Abstract

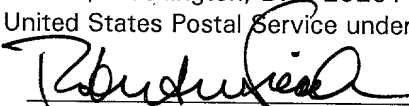
10 Sheet(s) of Drawings (Figs. 11, 1b, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 6 and 7)

☐ Formal

☒ Informal

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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3. Declaration or Oath

☐ Enclosed

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☐ Inventor(s)

☐ Legal representative of inventor(s)

(37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43)

☐ Joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached

☐ The petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 are enclosed. See Item 5D below for fee.

☒ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Information Disclosure Statement, including copies of cited references

☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit

☐ Computer readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence

☐ Verified statement(s) claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27

☐ Associate Power of Attorney

☐ Verified translation of a non-English patent application

☐ An assignment of the invention (copy of recorded assignment(s) from prior application)

☐ Certified copy(ies) of application(s):

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from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed

☐ is(are) attached.

☐ will follow.

☐ Other

5. Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

A. ☒ Utility Application

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$ 355.00		\$ 710.00
TOTAL	30 - 20	= 10	X 9 =	\$	X 18 =	\$ 180.00
INDEP.	3 - 3	= 0	X 40 =	\$	X 80 =	\$ 0.00
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Filing Fee:				\$	OR	\$ 890.00

B. ☐ Design Application (\$160.00/\$320.00) Filing Fee: \$ _____

C. ☐ Plant Application (\$245.00/\$490.00) Filing Fee: \$ _____

D. Other Fees

☐ Recording Assignment [Fee -- \$40.00 per assignment] \$ _____

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☐ Other \$ _____

Total Fees Enclosed \$ 890.00

6. Method of Payment of Fees

☒ Enclosed check in the amount of: \$ 890.00

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7. **Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

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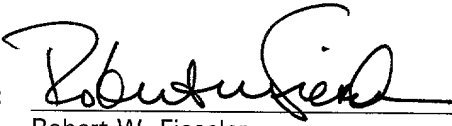
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